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THE TIMES' PRIZE CONTEST.

Desiring to stimulate popular interest in Roanoke's welfare and development, we offer as a prize one year's subscription to THE TIMES for the best suggestion for the improvement and benefit of the city.

Each communication must be limited to fifty words, and be signed by a fictitious name, the real name of the writer accompanying the article, but not for publication.

The contest will be open two weeks, and the suggestions will be printed from day to day.

The judges on the merits of the suggestions will be Captain J. H. Wingate, Thomas W. Miller, Esq., and Dr. A. Z. Koerner, who have kindly consented to act in that capacity. Their judgment will be absolute and final.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB.

At last Roanoke has a Commercial Club worthy of its name. The prominent business men, who have united to further its ends and purposes, are acting from a clear knowledge of the mighty lever they hold in their hands.

It is a mighty lever. The union of forces which the Commercial club represents can do three-fold the work of its individual members acting separately. "In union there is strength."

The club is in good hands. Its course is as plain as daylight. Opportunities will present themselves daily to forward the interests of Roanoke. It will plant seed and reap a thousand fold. It will scatter broadcast thousands of documents showing the natural, mineral and commercial advantages of this section and this city.

Concentration of population and the diversification of industries increase wealth in geometric ratios. The Commercial Club will draw immigration and induce the multiplying of industries.

The club is well started. Its secretary, Mr. Hinton Helper, the worthy bearer of an honored name, has labored tirelessly that Roanoke might have a Commercial Club. He has borne the brunt of labor and borne it well. To him more than to any other is credit due. When the Roanoke Commercial Club has the thousand members which he predicts for it, it ought to put his bust over the entrance to its \$100,000 club house.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH SILVER?

The backward movement of silver is one of the phenomena of the money market which lacks an explanation. After mounting in four months from less than \$1.00 an ounce to \$1.22 it has reacted to \$1.12½ in the face of heavy treasury purchases to comply with the law.

Yet there has been no influx of silver from abroad, and no marked increase of the home supply is visible. The entire American product can be used at home, and Europe has been buying not less than \$15,000,000 annually from us to supply foreign demands. The "European hoards" of silver are known to be myths, and the slump has no visible reason.

Lacking such tangible reason there is safety in predicting another rise as soon as the present financial stringency disappears. Silver at \$1.12½ ought to be a good purchase.

A DISAGREEABLE SESSION.

A profoundly grateful country listens with delight to the announcement that Mr. McKinley's joint resolution authorizing the Speaker and Vice President to adjourn their respective branches of Congress on Tuesday, September 20, has passed the House. The Senate will undoubtedly follow suit.

The present session has been one of the longest, most tedious, acrimonious and disagreeable in Congressional his-

tory. It has been marked by an extreme of partisan conduct which has left a rancor in each party that bodes ill to the general interests of the country. Several episodes have occurred which would be accounted disgraceful in a barroom.

While the Democrats have been overpowered at every point by Speaker Reed's matchless audacity, there is but little question in the minds of fair minded men that they will go before the country in better trim than their opponents.

If any one wants an inside opinion as to the merits of the two parties in Congress as judged by close observers of both the following statement may be considered: Of the newspaper correspondents who occupy places in the press galleries of the Senate and House, four out of five are Democrats and of the Republicans not over half defend Speaker Reed's course of action.

PAGE McCARTY and Ben Owen are associated in the publication at Richmond of the Leader, a new penny evening daily. Its first number is a lively, newsy sheet, enlivened by the best cartoon on the Force Bill which has yet been printed. Both McCarty and Owen are journalists of long standing and high reputation. We well remember when Page McCarty used to run over to Washington some years ago and hobnob with Walter S. Hutchins, then editor of the Washington Post. Both are keen-edged wits and it used to be a clear case of Greek met Greek, when they crossed swords in friendly controversy.

CHICAGO considers herself "one of the most important hydrophobia centers in the country," according to one of her newspapers. This is probably because she has taken so much Pasteur-land into the city limits.

OUR GOSSIPER.

The rector of Trinity Church, Portsmouth, the Rev. Robert Forsyth and wife, are at Blue Ridge. They spent Wednesday with friends in the city.

Mr. A. B. Botts, of the Motive Power Office, has tendered his resignation, and will in future be engaged in real estate business with Mr. Wilbur C. Pole.

The Rev. Dr. W. C. Campbell and Mr. J. G. Kuykendall contemplate making a trip to Baltimore on the first proximo for the purpose of purchasing a chime of three bells for the First Presbyterian Church.

Roy B. Smith, since he joined the Benedicts, wears a smile as broad as a residence lot. Vive le roi.

Bro. Eckloff, where did you get that hat? No offense meant. It becomes you.

The Roanoke Matrimonial Bureau is in process of organization and E. B. Kemp has already listed himself with the promoters of the scheme.

Does not the grandmother tongue which we speak still need a little revision? For instance, we heard a man say, "Everybody likes him; don't they?" The word "everybody" requires a verb in the singular; yet we could not say "everybody likes him, doesn't he?"

Mr. Will Engleby and Miss Emma Engleby have returned from Lovington.

The Nation, one of the ablest journals in this country, advocates the adoption of the German double hyphen to connect words, reserving the single hyphen to indicate a break in the alignment. We approve of this suggestion.

FOR WOMEN.

It is the fashion now to be exquisitely neat, with a neatness that begins with the skin and hair, and extends to the smallest accessory of the costume.

The Alexandra limp has long been out of date in stylish New York; the swell girls of Fifth avenue have adopted a springing gait with erect, supple carriage.

No flowers must be worn on a street costume.

The fashionable fad just now, and a charming one it is, is simplicity in all things—dress, manners and speech.

And Still They Come.

From the Raleigh News and Observer. We have received a copy of THE ROANOKE (Va.) TIMES, which has just been enlarged to an eight-page paper and is now one of the handsomest and most metropolitan in appearance of any paper published in Virginia. It takes the Associated Press and United Press. Mr. Grandy, its general manager, was something more than a year ago on the staff of the News and Observer and is a newspaper man of capital ability.

THE ROANOKE TIMES comes to us this morning in a new dress, an eight-page, forty-eight column paper, full of news. THE TIMES has always been popular with our people, and we bespeak a cordial reception for it in the Southwest.

A Scriptural Interpreter.

From the Manchester Leader. The colored pressman in a newspaper office at Houston, Ga., claims to be well posted on Bible subjects. One of its precepts he renders as follows: "If your brother smote you on one side of the jaw, turn the other side to be smoted, and the third blow is yours."

The Republican Norfolk county convention has elected delegates opposed to the nomination of Congressman Bowen, and the convention of the two cities elected delegates favorable to him.

THE VIRGINIA STATE MILITIA.

Col. Joe Lane Stearne Talks With a Times Reporter.

The Inspector-General's Opinions and Comments—Fifty-Five Companies in Thirty Towns—What the State Ought to Do—Proud of Roanoke's Crack Company—He Favors Another in Roanoke.

A TIMES reporter met Col. Joe Lane Stearne, Inspector General of the Virginia State troops, at Hotel Roanoke last night. Col. Stearne is of medium size with a commanding military figure, and a handsome face, and is a pleasing talker. He is greatly interested in the State troops and delights to talk about military matters. To the reporter he said: "It is the policy of the State to have small but efficient companies as many different places as possible, rather than have many large companies with much beating of drums and flutter of feathers. There are now fifty-five companies in thirty different towns, and applications are pending for several more. The troops are well organized and equipped and are doing the State much good service. They have been called out twelve or fifteen times during the last six months and are always prompt. "We always anticipate trouble and be on hand in time to save bloodshed. Many instances during the last few years can be pointed out where incalculable good has done in the protection of life and property. All the mayors of Richmond has had for a number of years have said that the troops have saved the city much by making it unnecessary to maintain a larger police force."

"I have inspected the troops in the Valley of Virginia, in the Piedmont section and in some places in the Southwest, and find them in a good condition."

"What is the condition of the military as compared with previous years?" "I don't know as there is any great contrast between this year and last, but there has been more interest and a constant improvement during the last few years, and we have a much more creditable militia than five years ago. We are doing fairly well, but need more money."

The State appropriates \$10,000 a year, which is about \$3 per head for the 3,000 troops. Virginia seems not yet to have realized the importance of sustaining a good militia. New York and Pennsylvania lost heavily by the strikes and riots of 1877. They had a poor militia then. New York now has 14,000 soldiers, and the State alone appropriates for their maintenance \$400,000 annually, besides which the cities make large appropriations. Pennsylvania has 10,000 troops that receive \$300,000. Property holders, when they pay taxes, have a right to expect their property protected, and even the presence of a well organized company often prevents trouble. With more money there would be better service."

"If the question of a larger appropriation was agitated, do you think anything could be accomplished?"

"Yes, if the military men throughout the State were to make a well organized effort, with the assistance of the press, a much larger amount could be secured."

"How does the Roanoke Light Infantry compare with companies in the State?"

"It compares favorably with any in the State and especially with the new companies. It is one of the largest, having received permission from the Governor to increase its membership beyond the regular limit of 60. It is also one of the best equipped, having the most improved guns, the same as are used in the United States army. If you ever have any trouble, with these guns the line can be drawn up on a hill out of all reach and disturbers of the peace cut down with ease. They shoot a mile."

"Roanoke should be proud of her fine company and sustain it nobly. Most of the towns render aid to their troops and Roanoke should do likewise."

At this point Col. Henry C. Jones, commander of the first regiment, composed of the six companies of Richmond, remarked: "This company is worth more to the town than twenty-five policemen."

Col. Stearne continued: "There should be more than one company here. Then there would be a sort of rivalry and more interest. We are interested in Southwest Virginia because we realize that it is the growing section of the State, and are glad to see as much interest as is displayed in the militia. Capital is seeking investment here and the more protection offered the better the inducements. The men who are looking out for investments realize the importance of ample means for the protection of property and always inquire about these things."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the Postoffice Saturday, September 27:

GENTLEMEN'S LISTS.

Allen, Thirston. Lewis, Sidney.
Arthur, Ernest. McGovern, Geo. (2).
Allen, D. E. Miller, Prof. E. A.
Campbell, A. B. Mullin, John.
Cox, H. L. Preston, John.
Carrington, R. Price, Walter.
Dushane, K. A. Penick, Clem.
Demot, O. K. Pearson, S. S.
Edwards, W. J. Robinson, Chas. E.
Fields, Chas. Sheets, Willie R.
Graham, James W. Shaw, G. K.
Grenne, Spencer (2). Stevens, G. J.
Gosney, Edward. Stephens, Jerry.
Hight, W. T. Stephens, Bilton.
Jones, Ammon. Turner, Thomas.
Jordan, Frank. Thomas, Jimmie.
Koyser, Geo. W. Tyrrell, A.
Kline, Edward. Wilson, Judge.
Lakin, David J. Williams, Johnson.
Lester, John. Wright, W. J.

LADIES' LIST.

Adams, Ellen F. Hulin, Mary.
Albright, Fannie. Hatcher, Annie M.
Bevery, Mrs. Hackney, Mrs. John.
Brown, Mandy. Isackney, Miss A. R.
Boyd, Mrs. C. F. Lettewick, Henrietta.
Botsche, Bettie. Littrell, Mary E.
Campbell, Emeline. Mickey, Maggie.
Coleman, Mrs. H. Merrick, Maggie.
Edwards, Henrietta. McGhee, Annie.
Earlish, Fannie. Thomas, Emma.
Divers, Cora. West, Mollie.

Persons calling for letters with please say they are advertised.

The Democratic Congressional Convention for the second district has been postponed until October 7, next.

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